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POEMS OF THE SOUTHWEST

By Ida Eckert-Lawrence

God in the Desert

Out in the desert I listen,—
With all my soul to hear
The voice of God in the silence,
Like chimes on my waiting ear.

I am so infinites'mal—
So important, yet so small—
I am filled with a joy supernal,
For I am a part of the All.

Part of the stars of heaven,
Part of the thorn-tree band—
Part of the world of mortals—
Part of these dunes of sand.

Part of the world of goodness;
Part of the silt of sin;
Part of the pulsing present,
That is and has ever been.

The mountains call and I listen—
Behold there's a pointing hand
Stretched to the heights above me,
To a trail I can understand.

Out in the desert I listen,—
With all my soul I hear
The voice of God in the silence,
Like chimes on my waiting ear.

Child of the Earth and mortal;
Child of the ether—blue—
Child of the All-Intelligence,
I am a part of you.